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More evidence that European war is to be a battle to the death. Italy has joined in the agreement with the Allies not to contract for a separate peace.

Germany and Austria have also had it brought home forcefully that the treaties establishing the erstwhile Triple Alliance were also nothing more than "mere scraps of paper."

Anyhow, this is also great weather for the flowers. But there is so much water on the bottom lands that some of the earlier planted potatoes may stage a rotting exhibition. There is no rose without a thorn, mates.

In seizing some \$20,000,000 worth of Austrian and German vessels in her ports, Italy may be endeavoring to square accounts for her king, who is said to have \$25,000,000 of his loose change invested in the Krupp works of Germany.

And the shrapnel, shot and shell that Italy turns loose in the war will probably be doubly bitter pills for the Germans and Austrians to swallow. Much of Italy's modern field artillery is the product of Germany's famous Krupp works.

Presumably the college presidents who are so strong these days with the preparedness-for-war stuff would be willing to let the college boys do their share of the fighting if a war bred by such preparation for it happened to come along.

No doubt about it. Mr. Wasson, the city commissioner of finance, must be the seventh son of the seventh son of a real prophet. He opines that if the city taxes for next year are not at the same rate they were for this year, they will be either higher or lower.

Presumably, much of the material left by the late Elbert Hubbard and his wife, which is said to be sufficient to fill their well-known publications, The Era and The Philistine, for two full years, will be current and up-to-date for that period as has been considerable of the matter in these monthlies.

Marconi is said to have developed a device by which it is possible to see through a wall. But how more interesting it would have been if he had invented something that would give a wall a voice so that it could use its ears to advantage. What's the use of hearing things if you can't repeat them.

Italy's queen, beautiful, of course—all distinguished women are so described by the chivalrous newspaper reporters—is credited with having influenced her country to participate in the war. This not only suggests that she might have been concerned in better business, but it also puts another crimp in the theory that all women abhor war and devote all of their spare time in praying for peace.

Was there ever such sublime confidence in one's might as that being displayed by Germany? She accepts the gauge of battle that Italy has hurled at Austria with the utmost equanimity. A trifling matter of some 500,000 of her soldiers is all she thinks will be needed to assist the Austrians in handling the Italian army; and this, notwithstanding the fact that the first and second line troops of Italy comprise no less than two million men, who are said to be as well equipped and trained as any army in Europe.

JUSTICE A BUSINESS.

Three Harvard law professors contribute an article to The New Republic outlining the changes which ought to be made in the judiciary system of New York. They say in part: "The administration of justice is a business, a very technical and complex business, and proper organization is essential to its efficiency. Yet in most of our states there has been no effort to organize the courts. The judicial establishment is generally the survival, or casual extension, of a system well enough adapted to the needs of a pioneer or rural society, but ill-fitted to the demands of increasingly complex communities. New York state reflects this prevalent American type of an outworn judicial system. Therefore one

of the most important matters before the New York constitutional convention is the revision of the judiciary article of the New York constitution—in other words, the devising of a modern organization of the courts of that state."

Germany's delay in replying to President Wilson's note is encouraging. Were Germany of a mind to flout the representations of the United States, regardless of what the consequences might be, it is likely that her answer would have been forthcoming in short order.

WOMAN VS. MAN.

Chicago's retiring lady commissioner of public welfare tosses out the conclusion that men who marry after reaching 34 years of age are less apt to seek divorce than are men who marry between the ages of 21 and 33. This is obviously reasonable because of the giddiness of youth. If, however, the divorces in this country were limited to those sought by and granted to men, the number would be fractional in comparison with what it now is. (Woman, lovely woman, is the chief offender in the pursuit of divorce. The general all around ornerness of men may be responsible for this fact. But it is also probably true that the average man will submit to more of the "worse" stuff, as per the matrimonial contract, than the average woman will before seeking relief in the divorce courts.)

GETS TO BUSINESS

Episcopal Diocesan Convention Opens at Grace Cathedral.

Excellent Work of Bishop Millsbaugh Is Credited.

The convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Kansas began its regular session this morning at ten o'clock, with a full choral service consisting of morning prayer and communion at Grace Cathedral. Despite the rain the service was well attended.

Bishop Millsbaugh delivered an address summing up the work done in the diocese during the twenty years he has been bishop. In that time the Episcopal church has been consecrated, seventeen rectories have been built, 55 men have been ordained to the priesthood and 53 to the diaconate, and 8,450 persons were confirmed.

The bishop has personally raised outside the diocese \$143,000 for the furtherance of the work. The college of the Sisters of Bethany is out of debt and has a \$50,000 endowment. The Episcopal Theological Seminary is also out of debt and endowed, and the finances of Christ hospital are in excellent condition.

The diocesan endowment fund has been increased from \$22,000 to \$28,000 and is still growing.

Luncheon was served to the convention in the Guild parlors at 1:30 p. m., and this afternoon and all day tomorrow will be devoted to convention business. The election of a bishop coadjutor will probably be taken up this afternoon.

A p. m., there will be a meeting at the cathedral to discuss and report upon missionary activities within the diocese.

ITALY DRIVES HARD.

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Agono and Leogang valleys and the state of Val Brena. We took a number of prisoners.

"In Cadore we occupied all the frontier defiles.

"The Italian's medium caliber artillery opened fire on the bay of Mistralina, but without results.

"On the Carnia frontier on the night of the 24th we took by a bayonet attack the defile of Val D'Inferno and the extremity of Valdagno.

"On the Friuli frontier on the 25th in the middle of the Isonzo region we successfully continued our offensive operation near Catterto.

"We have disposed troops on the conquered heights between the Judrio and Isonzo. Medium calibre artillery of the Austrians at Santa Maria and Santa Lucia, to the southwest of Tolmino, opened fire on the heights between the Judrio and Isonzo, but without result.

"On the lower Isonzo we also continued our offensive to attain the goal of the river. Everywhere the enemy retired, destroying bridges and cutting communications.

"Our aviators bombed the electric power station and railroad station at Monfalcone."

Envoys Under Guard.

Zurich, May 25.—(via Paris, May 26).—The Duke of Avarna, Italian ambassador at Vienna; Baron von Macchio and Prince von Buelow, Austrian and German ambassadors to Italy, together with the staff of the Bavarian legation at Rome, arrived here this afternoon.

The Italian diplomat and his suite boarded the train which brought Baron von Macchio from Rome and continued his journey, while Baron von Macchio went to Vienna in a special which brought the Duke of Avarna to this city.

The railroad station was guarded by troops from the Zurich garrison. Prince von Buelow was greeted by the German minister at Berne and the consul of this city. Leaving, he sent a telegram to Germany, commanding the German of the Swiss army, thanking him for the arrangements made by the military authorities for his protection on the journey through Switzerland.

A similar telegram was sent to President Motta by Baron von Macchio.

Italian Airmen Killed.

Amsterdam, May 26.—An Italian aeroplane was shot down near Goritz and two staff officers killed, according to dispatches relayed here today from Berlin.

ITALIAN SHIP CRIPPLED.

Greek Captain Gives Detailed Story of Naval Battle.

Athens, May 26.—A detailed story of a naval engagement in the Adriatic between five Austrian destroyers and three Italian destroyers, which broke here today by the captain of the Greek steamer Adriatic. One Italian warship was badly damaged and forced to drop out of line, the captain reported. The Austrians fled toward Pola.

WASHBURN PLAN FOR BIG EVENT IN ITS HISTORY

College Commencement Program Announced Today.

Four Days of Celebration of Semi-Centennial Period.

MAGNIFICENT CAMPUS PAGEANT

City Organizations to Take Part in Afternoon Scene.

Hundreds of Graduates Will Return for "Old Ichabod."

Following one of the most eventful and successful terms in the history of the college, the semi-centennial spring commencement exercises of Washburn—Old Ichabod—will be held June 6 to 10. One hundred students will cut the bonds that have in the past four years held them to the standard of the blue. Of the 100 graduates, 85 will receive degrees and the other 15 certificate.

Sixty-five will be given Bachelor's degree. This is the largest class to be given the latter degree since the college has been established.

A tentative program of the exercises which was arranged today by Dean D. L. McEachron shows that the college is planning a commencement that will rival any similar affair in the history of Kansas colleges.

Dr. Sanders Comes Back.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, June 6, by Rev. Frank K. Sanders, director of the board of missionary preparation, New York city. A large assembly tent will be provided for the meetings of the different bodies. At 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon a sacred concert will be given under the direction of Dean Horace Whitehouse at Mac Vicar chapel.

Students' Day.

Monday, June 7, will be Students' day. At 9 o'clock in the morning the forty churches of the city will observe the day of the academy will be given on the campus. Monday evening the Washburn Dramatic club will present an original play upon the theme, "A Student's Dream." At the assembly tent beginning at 8:15 o'clock.

Great Pageant.

Wednesday at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon a pageant, in which organizations of the city as well as student bodies, will take part, will be presented. The Rotary club will depict Indian days—the first number on the pageant. The territorial period will be presented by the Women's Federation of Topeka. The law school students of the college will present the famous case of the "Gould parlor." The founding of Washburn college will be depicted by the First Congregational church of Topeka. The possession of the years and the future of the college will be presented by the graduates and by the departments of instruction. The exercises will end at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon with the alumni dinner at Thomas gymnasium.

Following is a complete tentative program of the commencement exercises:

Sunday, June 6.

11:00 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon by the Reverend Frank K. Sanders, D. D., director of the board of missionary preparation, New York city. Trustees, faculty of the college and graduates will form in procession in Carnegie library at 10:30 and proceed to the assembly tent.

4:00 p. m.—Sacred concert under the direction of Dean Horace Whitehouse at Mac Vicar chapel.

8:00 p. m.—Address before the Christian Science Society by the Reverend Noble S. Elderkin, of Lawrence, Kansas. Assembly tent.

Monday, June 7.

9:00 a. m.—Class Day exercises by the graduating class of Washburn college at the assembly tent.

10:30 a. m.—Class Day exercises by the graduating class of the Department of Liberal Arts, Campus.

3:30 p. m.—College Organizations: Program by the Washburn College and Washburn Girls' Literary Societies.

Program by the Gamma Sigma and Alethean Literary Societies.

"The Spirit of the Prairies," a masque, presented by the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. Assembly tent.

5:30 p. m.—Annual address of the Tau Delta Psi. Observatory.

7:30 p. m.—Graduating exercises of the Academy, class of 1915, address by Reverend William F. Harding, D. D., of Fort Scott, Kansas.

8:15 p. m.—Washburn Dramatic Club presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Assembly tent. (Admission by ticket. Reservations can be made at the college office.)

Tuesday, June 8.

10:30 a. m.—Meeting of the Washburn College Alumni. Historical and Reminiscence addresses by former members of the faculty campus.

12:00 M.—Class luncheons and reunions on the campus.

12:30 p. m.—Annual meeting of the board of trustees, Boswell Hall.

3:00-5:00 p. m.—Dinner for the faculty, by Dean and Mrs. McEachron and former members of the faculty.

7:00 p. m.—Dinner for Alumni present on the campus. Address by the universities and colleges. Masonic Temple. Plates \$1.00 each. Reservations can be made at the college office or commercial club. No reservations may be made after 6:30 p. m., June 7.)

10:30 a. m.—Commemoration of the founding of the college by Dr. Laura E. Lockwood. Western Union building.

12:30 a. m.—Luncheon for speakers of the day and guests of honor, president's residence.

3:30 p. m.—Pageant.

(a) Historical Section. Indian Days. Presented by the Rotary club of Topeka. Territorial Period. Presented by the Woman's Federation of Topeka.

(b) Collegiate Section. Procession of the Years. Presented by One Hundred Graduates.

The Work of the College. Presented by the Departments of Instruction.

6:00 p. m.—Reunion of active and alumni members of the Washburn College and Washburn Girls' Literary societies. Campus.

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8:00 p. m.—Annual Concert by the Department of Fine Arts. Carnegie library.

9:00 p. m.—Commencement Reception. President's Residence.

10:30 a. m.—Graduating Exercises of the Class of 1915. (Trustees, members of the faculty and the graduating class will assemble at Carnegie library at 10 a. m., and proceed to the assembly tent.)

12:00 p. m.—Annual business meeting of the Alumni Association. Library.

1:00 p. m.—Alumni dinner. Thomas Gymnasium. (Plates \$5.00. Reservations may be made at the college office.)

REBATE IS UPHELD

Court Sustains Tariff Clause in Underwood Bill.

Tariff Reduction Extends to All Favored Nations.

Washington, May 26.—The clause of the Underwood-Simmons tariff act granting a rebate of five per cent on duties on goods imported to the United States in American bottoms was upheld today by the court of custom appeals.

The court held, however, that all merchandise imported in the vessels of nations with which the United States has secured favored nation treaties must receive a similar discount.

The case probably will be appealed to the supreme court.

As the United States has favored nation treaties with nearly all important commercial powers, the effect of the decision will be largely to reduce tariff revenues.

AMERICAN SHIP IS TORPEDOED

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could be done to avoid it. The attack occurred at point for miles north of North Hinder lightship.

Nebraska Trade Ship.

Philadelphia, May 26.—The Nebraska, it was said here, is bound for Delaware Breakwater in ballast for orders. Previous to the war the ship had been a trading vessel between northern ports and Galveston, but since the outbreak of hostilities had made one voyage to London and one to Bremen.

Advices Washington.

Washington, May 26.—Consul General Skinner at London cabled today: "The British admiralty reports the American steamer Nebraska torpedoed."

He gave the same location as mentioned in the London dispatches, and added that he had received no direct reports.

Struck a Mine?

Washington, May 26.—Coming close on the heels of the news that another American ship, the Nebraska, had been endangered aroused more than ordinary attention, but all officials were disposed to hear details before making any statement.

Some officials could not understand why a ship bound for the United States in ballast and therefore carrying no contraband should have been endangered by a torpedo and they considered it among the possibilities that the Nebraska struck a drifting mine.

Captain in Doubt.

New York, May 25.—The American-Hawaiian Steamship company, owners of the Nebraska, received a wireless message from the Nebraska's captain, relayed by cable, in which the captain said the vessel had been struck by either a mine or a torpedo and that he was proceeding with a convoy to Liverpool.

ALIENS ARE ROUNDED UP

Vancouver, B. C., May 26.—Interment of alien enemies on a wholesale scale was begun today in the coal mining district of Vancouver Island. One hundred and fifteen Austrians and Germans in the south field Cumberland and Nanaimo mines, already have been placed on a special train bound for the internment camps.

PLOT TO BLAST BRIDGE

Ottawa, Ont., May 26.—Ten Austrians have been arrested at Smith's Falls, Ont., by the military authorities. It is believed a plot to blow up the Canadian Northern railway bridge there was frustrated by the arrests.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

Frederick Wahl, age 73, for many years a cabinet maker at the Santa Fe shops and for the past few years a pensioner of the company, died this morning at the home of his son, August, 510 Buchanan street. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, Second and Hancock streets. Interment in Topeka cemetery.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Munoz died Tuesday at the home of his parents, 132 Branner street. The funeral was held at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the home. Interment in Mount Calvary cemetery.

MISSION OF CLUBS AFRAID TO SMILE

It Is No Longer Social, but to Serve

Declares Dr. Loveland in Address to the Rotarians.

HE IS A GUEST OF HONOR

At Noonday Luncheon of the Topeka Organization.

Two Visiting Members Deliver Short Addresses.

The Topeka Rotary club if carefully and wisely directed can become a great moulding factor in the capital city, according to Dr. F. L. Loveland, who was a guest of honor at the club luncheon in the U. C. T. hall today.

"Some years ago I read a short address to be purely social," said Dr. Loveland. "The club partook of the features of the clubs among women. Today I find the clubs which have visited that a real desire to serve dominates club life."

The Rotary club at Portland last fall took up the proposition of peace—went into the churches, the Chamber and Commerce sending out speakers interested in the propaganda of world peace. There was nothing at that time that tended more to steady the minds of the people.

"What Topeka needs is more people like that," given at this luncheon by Dr. Loveland, who was a guest of honor at the meeting. The business paper was read by J. Alfred Cole, secretary of the Topeka Bridge and Iron company. W. H. Davis, president of the Topeka Bridge and Iron company, gave a biographical sketch of the life of Rotarian Cole and H. B. Wilson, superintendent of city schools, gave a talk on the Rotary and the city.

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GREAT BRITAIN

NOT OVERJOYED WITH CABINET

No Great Enthusiasm Over Solution of Internal Muddle.

Von Mackenzen Stroke Shows Germanic Strength Not Waned.

ALLIES GAIN ON PENINSULA

French Forces Show New Vigor North of Arros.

Death of King of Greece May Cut Leash of Hellenes.

London, May 26.—The approval of King George has made the coalition government as announced this morning, an accomplished fact and it is generally accepted as the best solution of a bad muddle. Nevertheless, the country shows no great enthusiasm over the compromise for the usual party cabinet.

In the field of military operations, the great onslaught of the Russian on Mackenzen against the Friuli frontier to the north of Permyl and around Jaroslau indicated the powers of the Austro-German offensive are not exhausted and verifies the belief general in London that the Russians are not well equipped for the defense of this position.

Permyl Fortified Camp. Permyl has not been sufficiently repaired to rank again as a fortress. It is, rather, a heavily fortified camp, which needs considerable artillery for its reduction.

In the Vandanelles the allies are officially reported to be slowly advancing against the stubborn opposition of the Turks who have been granted an armistice to bury 3,000 of their dead in front of their trenches. Along the western line of battle the Germans hold a trench east of Ypres which they captured Monday morning from the British and held against counter attacks during the day.

Yesterday the French offensive north of Arras developed new vigor, with the result that a number of German positions were captured. This French advance, like the German advance in the British, is not of wide extent.

Italy Forces Warfare.

The official Italian announcement reviewing the first thirty-six hours of war claims the capture of several Austrian towns just across the border and the occupancy of all frontier passes in Cadore together with a continuation of the successful advance on the Carniola and the Friuli frontier.

The Vienna counters with the claim that the Austrian naval raid inflicted considerable damage on the Italian coast and on Italian warships.

The illness of King Constantine of Greece is the feature of the diplomatic situation in the near east. The death of this ruler, it is argued here, would end Greece's chief reason for maintaining neutrality.

LOCAL MENTION.

To investigate the Lakewood park controversy which has developed between the city commission and W. J. Rickenbacher, the city commission will meet tomorrow. Members of the club are in favor of keeping the park. The matter will be gone into in detail.

We wish to thank our friends for their kindness at the birth of our darling baby, Alvin Landreth, Rilla Landreth, Mr. Frakes and family.—Adv.

Topeka motorists are opening a new vein of trouble for themselves by not lighting the tail lamps on their autos when they are out at night. The police have been called out by the city to investigate the matter. One-tenth of the motorists are inclined to disregard the city ordinance which compels them to keep the rear light on their cars burning while running after night. Warnings to a number of such violators were issued by motor cops and men in the police car Tuesday night.

Suits cleaned and pressed, 65c. Odorless Cleaners, phone 3523.—Adv.

When Chief Harvey Parsons of the Topeka police department reached Kansas City to identify Rafael Camacho, the Mexican wanted out for a murder done Sunday before last, he discovered that the Kansas City police had picked up the wrong man. Chief Parsons returned late last night after a flying trip to Kansas City in response to notification that a Mexican had been arrested who was quite a bit different from the one he had once escaped and had been recaptured.

Big money saved by the Santa Fe Tour Co. on first class trips to the Santa Fe fair. See H. P. Richards, 513 New England Bldg. P. 1524.—Adv.

Fred Robertson, United States district attorney, returned this afternoon from St. Paul, Minn., where he represented the government in the Moun-Day appeal argument. The case was taken under advisement by Judge Adams of the circuit court of appeals.

Plans of Topeka Elks to go to the state convention at Lawrence in automobiles today were all upset by the weather man. However, about twenty "Bills," including the seventeen delegates, left this afternoon at 1:25 over the Santa Fe, and quite a number expect to go tonight and tomorrow.

"I wonder how Mrs.